Cultural Awareness Team Minutes
January 11, 2023 @ 2:00pm
Founder's Room & Zoom

Co-Chairs: *Erin King & Brett Whitnel*

Roll Call:

X	Stephanie Bigham	X	Kayde Pender		Leslie Weldon
X	Erin King (co-chair)	X	Jackie Smith		Brett Whitnel (co-chair)
	Lorena Hines		Amber Suggs	X	Brandy Woods
X	Dr Taylor	X	James Walton		Robbie Woolridge

Agenda Items:

I. **Call to Order** *@ 2:02pm by Erin King*
II. **Approve Minutes** *Motion to approve as presented by Brandy S. 2nd by Jackie S. (MC)*
III. **Additions to the Agenda** *(none)*
IV. **Items for Discussion**

- *Policies for review: N/A*
- *January Activity Ideas*
    a. *Decorate display in H Hallway: National Holocaust History & Awareness*
        i. *Survivor Stories*
        ii. *Library & Online Resources*
    b. *For 2024:*
        i. *Holocaust History Mobile Bus*
        ii. *Holocaust Museum Virtual Tour*
        iii. *Local Presenter - Survivor Story ??*
- *February Activity Ideas*
    a. *Decorate display in H Hallway: Black History Month – Black Artists?*
    b. *Black Artists – Jackie will talk with Stephanie Fisher & Lynne Chambers*
    c. *Email an excerpt from "Letters from a Birmingham Prison" – Brandy will create*
    d. *Black History Trivia Kahoot! on social media*
    e. *Homecoming week activities*
        i. *Black sitcoms in Commons: James research & schedule*
        ii. *Saints Read: Athletes read to grade-school kids – Erin will talk with Coaches*
            1. *Can we? Here vs There? When?*
    f. *"Shawnee Speaks" – February 24th: Critical Race Theory: an explanation presentation – Robbie Woolridge (Erin will approach about availability)*
    g. *Healing Southern Illinois group & Montgomery Trip presentation – Mike McNally*
        i. *Share with DEI Council*
    h. *Local Black Greek Chapters – James will talk with Amber about past presentations*
    i. *"Kenny.Fresh" Professional Speaker – James will connect with*
    j. *Black Owned Business to cater lunch for Faculty/Staff Appreciation – Brandy will work with Tina to see what she already has planned.*
        i. *Just Like Momma's – Metropolis*
        ii. *Ramona Stacy - Cairo*
    k. *For 2024:*
        i. *Black Greek Step Show*
        ii. *Black Artist(s) Art Display*
        iii. *Anything we don't get accomplished in 2023!*
- *March Activity Ideas:*
    a. *Women's History Month – Door decorating contest!*
    b. *Disability Awareness Month / Brain Injury Awareness Month*
        i. *"Shawnee Speaks" – March 20th: Ask current or graduated students, like Christian Bucher or Simon Carmona*
- *April Activity Ideas:*
    a. *Earth Month / Earth Day 22nd*
    b. *Autism Acceptance Day – April 2nd: Send awareness email*
    c. *National Counseling Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness / Stress Awareness Month*
        i. *Info commercial on social media*
        ii. *"Shawnee Speaks" – April 17th : Ask Donna to present? (Or another counselor?)*

d. *National Library Day – April 6th: is Cecilia planning something?*

- *Future Ideas:*
  a. *May Activity Ideas:*
     i. *Mental Health Awareness Month*
     ii. *Neurodiversity Celebration Week*
     iii. *National Teachers Day – 1st Tuesday*
     iv. *Mother's Day*
  b. *Future Activity Ideas*
     i. *SIUC – COLA presenters: topics include: Black History Month, Women's History Month, Asian America & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Latinx Heritage Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, & Native American Heritage Month… and others. (info attached)*
     ii. *Erika Gilchrist: From Homeless to Rockstar (info attached)*
     iii. *"KennyFresh": belonging, identiry, affirmation, mental health, wellbeing & faith. (info attached)*

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

VII. The next meeting will be held February 8th, 2023 @ 2pm @ Founder's Room